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Ray Stanford in Interview

*A unique Psychic discusses auras,
reincarnation, teleportation & UFOs*

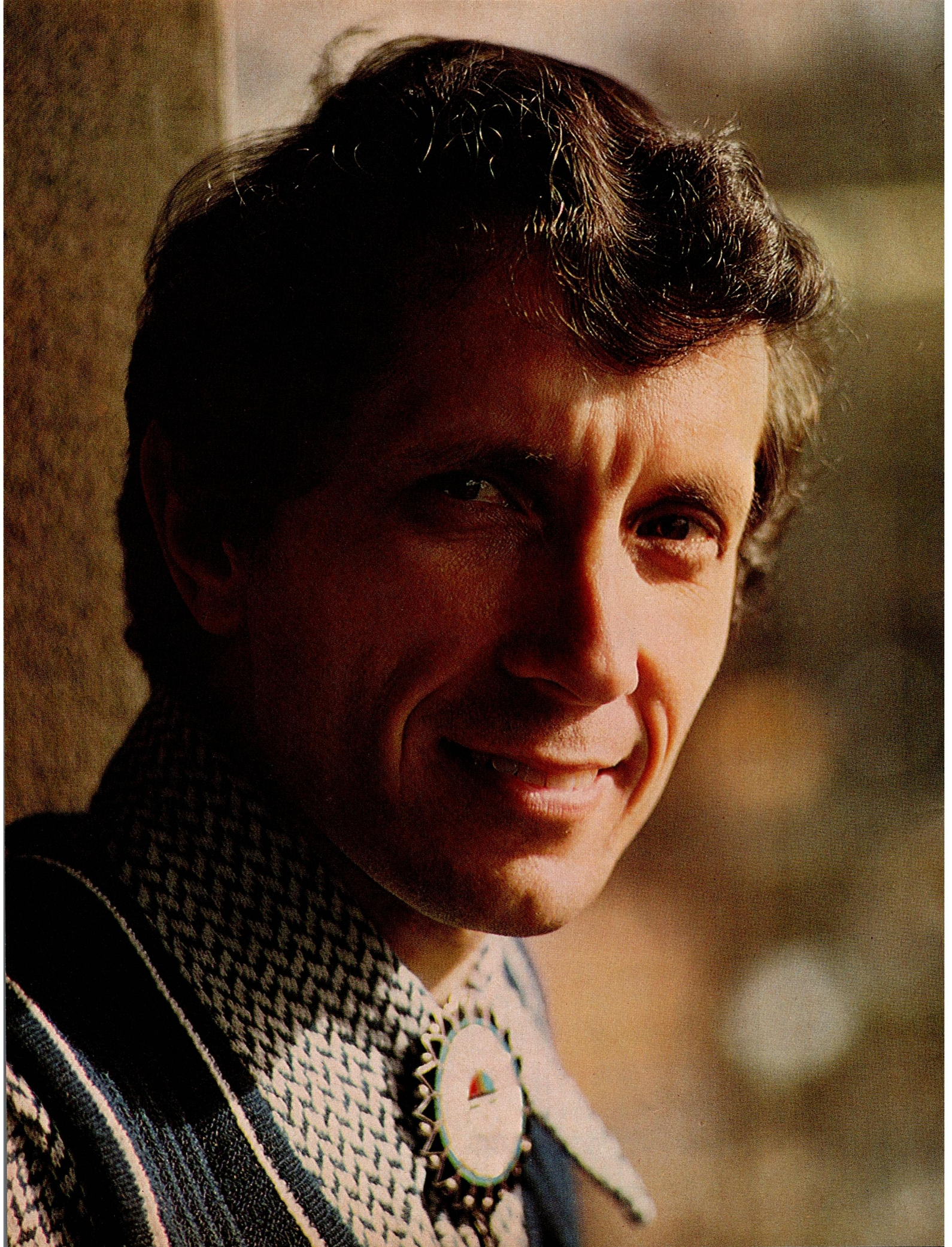
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Interview:

Ray Stanford is a talented psychic whose abilities and experiences include giving readings while in an unconscious state, seeing auras which depict a person's health and other personal information, having psychic dreams that give precise archaeological information, having contacts with unidentified flying objects, and experiencing telepathy and precognitive dreams. He here openly discusses his abilities, his work and his philosophy of life—including a belief in reincarnation—and how he views man, God and the universe.

Ray Stanford by The Editors

PSYCHIC: When did you first become aware of your psychic abilities?

STANFORD: One of my earliest memories seemed to be linked with reincarnation. When I was five or six months old I overheard a friend tell my mother that a preacher had told her that "If you could have a child in your life and don't, you'll burn in hell eternally." Now of course this was a literalistic interpretation of the story of Jesus cursing the fig tree because it was barren. But when she said this, I wanted to respond but my baby vocal chords wouldn't work. I knew I had spoken English before. I thought, "Doesn't she remember that she's lived before? How could she talk about burning in hell eternally." I could remember a whole line of incarnations, and I thought, "Oh, if I could only talk."

PSYCHIC: You have memories of earlier lives?

STANFORD: Yes. The most clear memory and the most recent one was being a medical doctor, a Dr. Clark, who practiced in Detroit and Chicago. I remember having a moustache, smoking a pipe, and I had a lot of stomach trouble. I had attended the University of Chicago. In checking up on this, I found that a Dr. Clark did practice in that area at that time.

And I remembered before that being a painter in France in the last century, and even having met Gauguin and Van Gogh. It seemed to carry over to this life somewhat, because the first time I ever saw oil paints I instantly knew how to mix them.

Before six years old, I remembered

being a Christian who was crucified in ancient Rome. I remembered a nail being driven through my wrist. Oddly, I had a deep depression in my wrist as a child, as though a scar from that lifetime. Then from the ages of eight through twelve, a sense of identity and memory of East India came out. I began spontaneously to do things like the lotus posture and swallowing my tongue at will, which is a Yogic practice. Most of my most vivid memories are those that I had as a child.

PSYCHIC: Have you ever had psychic experiences with your twin brother?

STANFORD: I have a lot of intuitive attunement with him and we've had amazing synchronicities in our lives. For example, I once bought my mother a set of salt and pepper shakers made out of wood in an acorn shape. A few days later my brother came to visit and was amazed since not many days before he had bought candle-holders in the same acorn shape made by the same manufacturer. Also, we did some dream telepathy experiments at the University of Virginia. Rex was the sender and I was the sleeper—complete with electroencephalograph (EEG) electrodes glued to my scalp. But I could not say that there was any more dream telepathy evidenced than might have occurred in non-twins.

PSYCHIC: What other scientific experiments have you participated in?

STANFORD: From 1960 through 1970 there were numerous experiments in medical clairvoyance. These were mostly with medical doctors testing me in connection with patients whose conditions were unknown to me.

For example, from Corpus Christi, in 1961, my "source of the readings," which seems to be me as my spiritual being, and my unconscious mind, in contact with whomever or whatever it is directed to by suggestion, responded and gave information, accurately, about a man, William Levis Coultas, in California. The reading described three types of cancer (carcinoma, sarcoma, and neuroma), told the locations of these in his body, and precisely described all the symptoms, including those that so frightened him that he had not even described them to his family. His doctors were astonished at the evidence of highly detailed medical clairvoyance. I had been told absolutely nothing about Coultas' condition.

An east coast researcher took a medical reading on a twenty-one-year-old man of whom I knew nothing but the name. The reading gave many details and time sequences of the subject's medical and psychological history with startling accuracy. The researcher declared, after completely checking all the details the reading gave with the subject and his medical doctor father, that, "it contains the most remarkable evidence of medical clairvoyance I have ever encountered."

Since that researcher had spent years working with Edgar Cayce and his medical readings, I was rather pleased, probably even overly proud. So, a few days later after I had taken a virus infection that was going around, the same researcher sent my unconscious self out to locate a patient in a physiotherapy

ward at a hospital. The source said something like, "We have a body, but the name doesn't fit!" Then it went on to describe in detail a medical case, but not the one to which it had been directed. Afterward, I was a bit embarrassed by the "Source" making such an error. But, at least the reading had said the body didn't fit the name. It had never done that before and hasn't since, to my knowledge. This just goes to show that my readings aren't all perfect. Somehow I find that comforting!

There has been much other application of scientific tests to my psychic work, but without having the records before me I don't want to try to go into it all.

PSYCHIC: Are you and your twin brother alike, psychically?

STANFORD: We have the similar interests in parapsychology, but I wonder sometimes if identical twins might often manifest a type of polarity phenomenon such as one being highly intellectual and the other more intuitive. Or, one scientific, while the other is artistic. I personally think Rex is rather intuitive, too, but while my life has been more toward the experiential side of parapsychological phenomena, his is in the experimental and is highly research oriented. For example, he went on to get his Ph.D. in psychology and is currently the president of the Parapsychological Association.

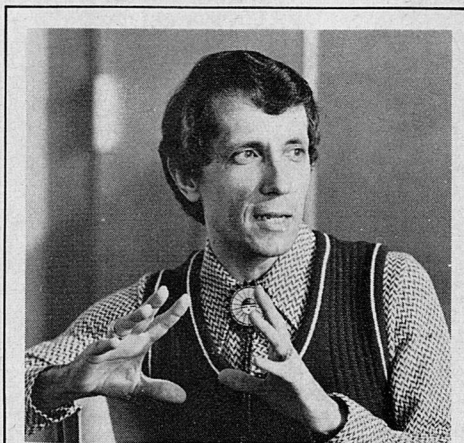
PSYCHIC: Any other members of your family with your abilities?

STANFORD: My maternal grandmother was known in the family to be extremely psychic. She always knew exactly when friends died—even if far away. She often intuited what was happening to me, even when I was away in Peru, Arizona, etc. Maybe there is a physical, heredity element to ESP potential, too.

PSYCHIC: How did your psychic abilities manifest?

STANFORD: When I was quite young I used to have the ability to find lost objects. I could tell exactly where it was even if it weren't in the house, as long as it was within about a mile. I also had precognitive dreams.

As I went through adolescence my awarenesses extended and I began to see more of the auras around people. And sometimes I would see projected onto people certain past lives when they were manifesting a pattern of behavior from those lives. All my life I have had a



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strong intuition with the physical body—knowing exactly what was wrong with people when I looked at them, even though they themselves didn't know at the time.

PSYCHIC: Have you done any experimental work with seeing auras?

STANFORD: Yes, a little. On several occasions my twin brother Rex has had me read colleagues of his whom I had never met. One of these was Dr. Robert Van de Castle, the director of the sleep laboratory at the University of Virginia Medical School. At the time, though, I did not know who he was. As I was reading his aura I was puzzled because I saw the color pink, which ordinarily I only see in pregnant women. I jokingly told him this and asked if he were pregnant.

Dr. Van de Castle laughed and said he was amazed at that. For some months he had been studying the dreams of pregnant women. And just that evening he had told a colleague, "I've been hitting those women's dreams so hard trying to understand and identify with them that I've gotten to feeling rather pregnant."

PSYCHIC: Have you always been able to do this?

STANFORD: When I was younger it would happen spontaneously. Then in 1960 I began to be able to spontaneously pass into an unconscious state during a group meditation, and after that I began to see the aura constantly.

PSYCHIC: Do you think there might be some element of subjectivity which causes a variation in the colors different psychics see?

STANFORD: Basically I think that psychics who validly see the aura see the same colors. Now there is some element

of subjectivity, but I think there is an objective reality in the aura that we'll be able to measure. I don't think it's measured in Kirlian photography, unless it is some crude element of the physical aura. But what I see in the aura is more extensive. It's not like a series of egg shells, as some have described it, but colors and thought-forms that move according to the personality of the person.

PSYCHIC: What do you mean by thought-form?

STANFORD: For example, I was giving a reading for a 12-year-old boy at a summer camp when I saw superimposed over him a much bigger person, about 160 pounds bigger, and it was his father with whom he identified. What amused me was that in the shirt pocket of this thought-form figure was a half-used pack of Tums. The boy confirmed that his father was about 160 pounds heavier and that his father always carried a pack of Tums because of his acid stomach.

PSYCHIC: Do you think there is any difference between the aura and thought-forms?

STANFORD: I consider the aura to be sort of an astral light or matter that radiates from the astral body. And the thought-forms are probably the mind shaping the astral matter according to one's patterns of thought.

A child has a much more beautiful aura than most adults because they haven't put on the weight of thought-forms. The inner light is not hidden; it shines and radiates out. Adults often become burdened with the problems of life that produce heavy thought-forms that prevent this light from shining out. I can quickly tell if a person is bored with his job because the light is held in. Yet if a person doesn't worry about his problems or is successfully meeting his challenges, then his aura rays out.

PSYCHIC: What experiences have you had with physical phenomena?

STANFORD: I have been teleported three times in my life. The first time saved my life. Several years ago while horseback riding on a ranch, my horse started running into the woods, following the runaway smaller horse of a girl rider. I decided to let my horse run and hoped to grab her off her horse before a big limb of a tree might knock her off. But she got safely through with her small horse. My horse was running full speed toward the tree limb. As I approached it, I thought, "My God, this is it—either I die or I am no longer on this horse."

Instantaneously I was twenty feet from that horse, standing on my feet. It had been raining earlier that day but the mud showed no tracks between where I was standing and where the horse had run. I've never been able to remember covering any space in between and I certainly did not make any attempt to jump off the horse.

The second time was when my wife and I were driving from Austin to Houston to pick up Uri Geller for some publicity appearances last August. We were approaching an underpass some twenty miles outside of Houston. On one side of the underpass, it was sunlight. On the other side was a weird looking cloud shaped like a boat's rudder, and from it came a waterfall of water. I was in the left lane and decided to pull into the middle lane to slow down. Suddenly, about seventy feet in front of me I saw a tailight. I had been going seventy miles an hour. I threw on my brakes and started skidding sideways into a pickup truck. My car was demolished and I had three broken ribs, although my wife was only bruised. If we hadn't had our seatbelts on we would have been killed. We were rushed to the hospital, and telephoned to have someone else pick up Uri.

I was puzzled because when the wreck occurred my car had been behind seven other cars stopped on the Interstate. My car was suddenly in front of those seven cars. In the court hearing afterward, a woman in the front car testified that she didn't know how this possibly could have happened since my car had hit one of the cars behind her. She said that instantly my car just appeared in front of her as if someone turned on a light. When the prosecutor said, "Now when did you first see the car this man was in?" she replied, "Well, I don't understand it. It just *appeared* there."

We apparently were teleported out from behind those cars because there was danger of another car hitting us from behind.

Weeks later when Uri returned to Texas he had joked, "What would you do if I had the intelligences teleport this car?" I said, "Great. We'd get there faster; it wouldn't be the first time something like this happened to me." But nothing happened. But then twenty-four hours later, about mid-afternoon (September 18, 1973) I was driving with my wife in our station wagon in heavy traffic on Interstate 10 very near where the other teleportation had occurred, heading west



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toward Columbus. I began to sense a silvery-blue metallic glow that I see in Uri's aura when something paranormal is about to happen, and it seemed to be around me and the car. I began to feel an electrical sensation of the brain. I said to Mary Kathryn, "I wish they would teleport us. I'm sick of this traffic. It's ridiculous — we've got to get back to Austin." She said that would really be great.

Instantaneously it seemed, we were thirty-seven miles away, approaching the outskirts of Columbus. There was no scene in between, no time, no nothing. Since beginning that journey, we had covered 86 miles in 43 minutes, which means an average of 120 miles per hour — although one couldn't go faster than 60 in the heavy traffic. We didn't use nearly the amount of gas we normally do to make that trip.

PSYCHIC: Sounds like a good solution to the energy crisis.

STANFORD: Right. But as soon as we "materialized" outside Columbus, my car's electrical system started acting up and in a short while went completely out. The wires were literally ruined and charred. The alternator and voltage regulator were charred, too. So apparently this had something to do with the power that was used to teleport our car.

PSYCHIC: Uri Geller claims his powers come from outer-space entities that can dematerialize and rematerialize matter. Have you had experience with anything similar?

STANFORD: Since 1957 when I began to go into a semi-conscious state a number of entities came through who called

themselves Brothers. I thought to myself, well, perhaps my unconscious is masquerading these beings; oh well, if they give good information, what's the difference? But on April 13, 1961, one of the Brothers materialized physically in a brightly lighted room at John and Gareth McCoy's house in Austin. It was witnessed by a group of five of us including the McCoy's and a fellow named Ladson Roberts. We weren't trying to cause anything to happen; it just happened spontaneously. This being was over seven feet tall. He was actually glowing, even his robe was glowing blue light. While he was in the room a globe of light about eighteen inches in diameter hovered near the ceiling, glowing a diffused white-blue light. That experience erased any further doubt I had about the reality of the Brothers.

In 1958 in Phoenix another of the Brothers had materialized in a brightly lighted backyard in the presence of fourteen people. We all saw him. He was about six feet tall, white robed, with long blond hair parted in the center. His robe was blowing in the wind just as physical as the rest of us. We were all shocked out of our wits. After a while he began to glow a pure golden light, swirling from the area of his solar plexus. The light grew brighter and his body seemed to be transmuted into gold, then it melted into a vapor of gold and condensed onto the ground and spread out to a fourteen foot diameter circle. We walked around testing this, kicking it into the air. It was physical — just like a golden fog.

PSYCHIC: How did these "Brothers" first manifest through you?

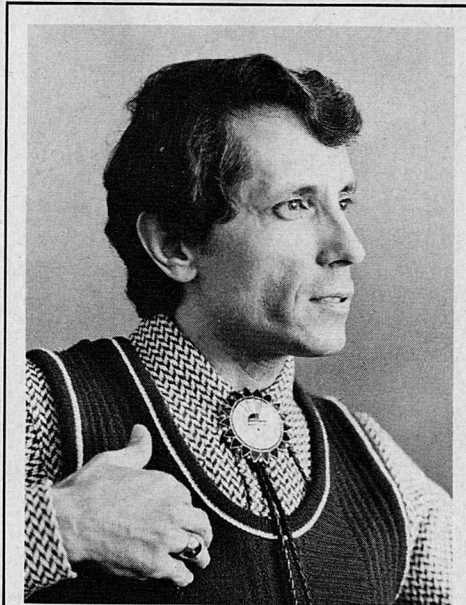
STANFORD: Although they had spoken through me in a semiconscious state in 1957, in 1960 when I was in a meditation group in Corpus Christi I seemed to be lifted up and hovered above my body. I thought it was my astral body floating above my body. It involved a sense of love and ecstasy and light — it was truly a mystical experience. One of the others, Bill Gaston, started to laugh at weird chants that began to come through me. Then suddenly he felt he was hit in the head by a psychic hammer. He described the effect later as being filled with light and he floated above his physical body. The Brother came through and spoke directly to him first. And then he spoke through me, describing Bill's three-year-old son and a curved scar on the child's forehead. I hadn't seen the child and didn't know of the

scar. The Brother explained a past-life incident in which, during the Crusades, Bill had been a friend of a man who was now his son. They got drunk one night, emotions flared, and the one who was Bill chopped the other across the forehead.

Months later I finally met Bill's son. Bill and I were sitting on the grass when his son approached with a box of Tinker Toys. I saw the child's aura become red with violence; his eyes were dazed as if the past was consuming him. The child threw the Tinker Toy box at his father's head; it made a gash, with blood flowing, at exactly the same location and with the same curve as the scar on the child's head. Years later Bill told me that he had been very angry when this happened, but had realized that it was a result of a past-life restimulation.

PSYCHIC: What other type of material comes from the Brothers?

STANFORD: They told us how to build a complicated research device. We took this data to two engineers who said they could not see how some of the required engineering features could possibly be accomplished. But then the Brothers came through with additional information which the engineers thought was fantastic. Now it looks like the time is coming very soon when we can actually build a laboratory and start researching this device, which might be able to enhance psychic and healing abilities considerably. The device would isolate a person from outside electromagnetic impulses while enclosing him in a very high-energy electrostatic field. The Brothers say that the effect achieved would be very much like that which happened to Moses on top of Mount Sinai. They say that the "Pillar of Fire" that Moses saw was actually a technological device from an advanced civilization. Moses was warned to hide himself in the cleft of a rock when the "Glory of the Lord" approached. If a spaceship were to pass over Mount Sinai with a three million volt electrostatic charge on its surface, any person standing there would act like a lightning rod. So Moses hid in the cleft of the rock. Remember that when he came down after forty days he was glowing. Physically the only thing that could have caused it was that the major electrolyte of the body, ATP (adenosine triphosphate), was energized. This is one of the things that we hope to do in this device—energize the ATP and enhance the process of conscious-



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ness.

PSYCHIC: When do you plan to have this device built?

STANFORD: Fortunately the Association for the Understanding of Man (A.U.M.) now has the land and we're beginning sometime early this year to build the laboratory. Tied in with this work is our Project Starlight International (P.S.I.) for detecting UFOs. We will have extremely sophisticated monitoring devices that we believe through magnetic means can detect UFOs up to fifty miles away. We'll have cameras automatically turned on in the direction from which a UFO is approaching and we'll be able to record a broad band of data from the object, both with magnetic tape and with film. Our detectors will automatically activate signaling equipment if the UFO comes close.

PSYCHIC: Does your interest in UFOs fit in at all with the Brothers?

STANFORD: I feel that there are UFOs from at least four or five different sources. There is one type that I call "The Watchers" or "The Planet Keepers;" I believe they have been around for thousands of years and they are the same beings that contacted Moses and perhaps even Ezekiel. I think the ones that tie in most directly with the spiritual evolution of the earth are the ones near our size. What their relation in the past with us might have been, I do not know. Some

people may prefer to think that they evolved here and went out in space ages ago. Some may think we were implanted here by them. I do not know. But a reading given through me suggests that planets are to civilizations what rivers are to salmon—spawning places. When we become adult we will have to go out into the sea of space and accept our place in what I call the cosmological community.

The readings say that an advanced space civilization does not travel *in* space except when they get to a relative area where they want to go, like our solar system or near the earth. But for traveling between galaxies, they have learned to change their space-time field and therefore their space-time property, and can alter their space-time location by traveling space instead of traveling *in* it.

PSYCHIC: Would that be like dematerialization and rematerialization?

STANFORD: Well certainly if you were watching a craft as I have, and it was there and it suddenly entered another space-time continuum, it would appear to be dematerialized to you; although it would be just as material to itself as ever. I've never been in one so I don't know, but I think so.

PSYCHIC: When did you see a UFO?

STANFORD: In the period from 1954 through 1959 there were a number of times when I got psychic impressions when UFOs were going to be seen. I had such an impression for October 21, 1956, so that four persons, including Doug Sharon, John McCoy and myself, were waiting for a UFO to land. It landed 175 feet from us after circling us for some minutes at close range. It was a flattened sphere, glowing light blue, about thirty to forty feet in diameter. As it passed over our heads about six feet away we were paralyzed, although our autonomic functions continued. I could feel an electrostatic charge pulsing up and down my spine. It was really weird.

After it landed we did not approach it since we received no signal and thought it might be dangerous. Then it took off with a glowing trail of ionization all the way up into the stratosphere within a second or two. Yet there was no shock wave.

PSYCHIC: Have you ever been able to get any physical evidence of UFO visits to substantiate all this?

STANFORD: Yes, filmed evidence. On July 22, 1959, I was with a friend

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Ray Stanford, an identical twin, was born on the coastal plains of Texas near Corpus Christi on June 21, 1938. His parents still live in Corpus Christi, where he grew up with three brothers and where his father operates an electrical appliance business.

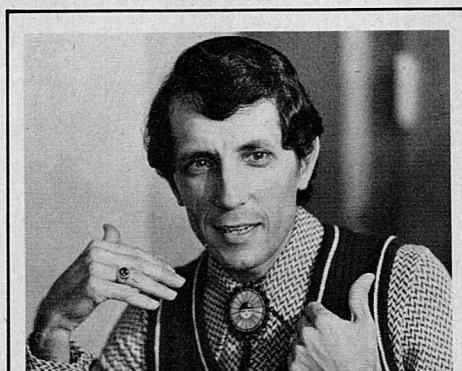
Unorthodox beliefs such as reincarnation were unheard of in his Methodist family background—although his maternal grandmother was known for her frequent spontaneous ESP—yet from about six months of age Ray recalls specific and detailed memories of what he feels were prior lives. He also recalls feeling disgusted at finding himself “caught in a baby body again.”

Mr. Stanford found attending grade school and high school a bore because of the feeling that, “I’d been through school too many times, places and forms, including in my most recent incarnation as a somewhat unhappy medical doctor named Clark, who lived in Chicago, then Detroit, and who died of complications resulting from ulcers and probably too much pipe smoking.” As a result, he has never smoked.

Finding lost objects, having precognitive dreams, and seeing peoples’ diseases—and on occasion their past lives—as evidenced by their auras was a common occurrence by age fourteen. In addition, he and his twin brother Rex experienced a great deal of telepathy between them. (His brother is now Dr. Rex Stanford, a noted parapsychologist and psi researcher who has a doctorate in psychology and who is currently president of the Parapsychological Association.)

During his teens, Ray Stanford had a fascination with rockets and their principles of operation. In 1955, he was awarded the Texas Academy of Science’s top award for research in the physical sciences for his report on “Experiments with Multiple-Stage Principles of Rocketry.” Some of his rockets weighed several hundred pounds each and challenged, if they did not break, amateur rocket altitude records.

From 1954 through 1959, he had a series of witnessed unidentified flying object (UFO) observations, including a landing on October 21, 1956, which he had predicted. One sighting in 1959 was simultaneously filmed by



8mm and 16mm movie cameras. The case is listed as “unidentified” in the U.S. Air Force files.

In 1957, he and a group of friends journeyed to Peru for purposes that included an attempt to use his psychic abilities to explore and locate ancient ruins and artifacts. He succeeded in locating a hidden tunnel entrance and a number of buried artifacts, as well as pinpointing for the group on a map an old Inca city—which was discovered two years later by a separate archaeological expedition.

The turning point in his career, however, occurred in early 1960 during a group meditation, when he spontaneously passed into an ecstatic state which involved a sense of floating above his body experiencing “. . . a unity with light and love from beyond my normal state.” Lapsing into an unconscious state, he awoke some two hours later to learn that strange voices and personalities had manifested through him calling themselves “Brothers.” One of the voices announced that “Stanford’s unconscious being could, when given an appropriate suggestion, give medical clairvoyance and describe former life personalities and activities for individuals.”

Curiously, Ray Stanford remained somewhat unconvinced of what was coming through him until evidence of accurate medical diagnostic and treatment-technique clairvoyance was verified by doctor friends. In addition, many subjects discussed in the readings were totally unknown to him. (He does not remember what is said during a reading and must either listen to the tape or read the transcript to learn what was said.)

Final proof for him occurred in April of 1961 when he says that he along with four others in a lighted room in Austin, Texas, saw one of the

Brothers, who had frequently spoken through him, suddenly materialize as a visible, glowing form over seven feet tall, complete with robe and metallic-like headpiece. That experience convinced him once and for all that the Brothers were something other than unconscious masquerades.

An art lover who is also himself a capable artist, in 1964 Mr. Stanford became fascinated with paintings of the great Mexican painter Carlos Merida. He subsequently learned with astonishment about one of Merida’s paintings called “The Blue Apple,” which had been mentioned and named by a Brother in one of his 1960 readings—two years before Merida had painted it.

Since 1960 about 3,000 readings from Stanford have been tape recorded by the Association for the Understanding of Man (A.U.M., P.O. Box 5310, Austin, Texas 78763)—a nonprofit research corporation with membership open to the public. A founder and former board member of A.U.M., Ray Stanford is employed as its research consultant and as its director of Project Starlight International (P.S.I.), which has constructed technological systems for attempting to signal UFO intelligences. P.S.I. is presently constructing the world’s first instrumented ufological research and automatic data-recording center in the hill country near Austin.

Married in 1972 to Mary Kathryn Johnson who shares a mutual enthusiasm for her husband’s life purposes and work, Mr. Stanford has ceased giving personal readings in order to do an extensive series of research readings which he says, “Have the potential to help everyone, not just a few.” The most important of these prior readings, he feels, are published in the book *Fatima Prophecy* (A.U.M., 1972).

Ray Stanford, who has dedicated his life to the psychic field and to sharing information that emerges through him, sums up his feeling of what his is doing with: “The goal of life is that God, Love, become individualized as each of us.”

wealth of data on Synchronicity.

If we conceive of the question of the nature of human destiny as a star too distant to be seen by the naked eye, yet the existence of which we have inferred because of secondary observations, then Progoff's book can be viewed as a first effort at fashioning a telescope with which to view that star. It is hoped that not only Progoff continues to expand on the lines suggested in this book but that others will be encouraged by it to do so as well. Then at last we may perfect a lens powerful enough to allow us to see that distant light whenever we have the will, the fortitude, and the mental balance to do so.

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when I fell unconscious and a voice spoke through me, according to the friend, that said: "Have your cameras ready; we are going to give you an opportunity in broad daylight to film extraterrestrial craft in the skies over Corpus Christi within eight days." On July 28th two of us had our movie cameras ready. There in the sky appeared four tubular shaped UFOs which we filmed with two cameras. The films were sent to an Air Force representative, and as far as I know this is the only UFO movie incident that is listed as "Unidentified" in the Air Force files. So we have that physical evidence involving a psychic experience of having been told that they would appear within eight days. The film was recently shown on a television special in Japan.

PSYCHIC: Did you ever see any of the beings who pilot these craft?

STANFORD: I haven't seen anybody step out of ships and talk to me or take me aboard. But I believe that some of the beings that I call "The Watchers" that come in UFOs are only a portion of the beings who come in UFOs. "The Watchers" have an extensive knowledge of psychic phenomena and abilities. This knowledge is very real to them and very practical. Perhaps they used their psychic ability to locate me as a human being with whom they could experiment.

PSYCHIC: You say you've substantiated one experience with film, yet these are incredible experiences. How on earth do you expect to fully substantiate any of this, let alone expect it to be acceptable?

STANFORD: Let me deal with the most

"incredible" ones, the UFO experiences involving advance ESP knowledge of the event.

Let's discuss the six major ones. There were a total of forty-three witnesses, most of whom have sworn affidavits describing the incidents. That is an average of over seven witnesses per event. Witnesses include Don Hoyd, a Texas State Highway Patrolman; his father, Ray Hoyd, a Deputy Sheriff; Steve Woods, another Deputy Sheriff; John Brand; David Piller; Jerry Steele; Uvaldo Champion, Jr.; Robert Colberge; Jim Rutledge; Mrs. Annie Middleton (a nurse); John McCoy, Jr.; Michael J. Ropzky, Jr.; Doug Sharon; Robert Sharon; Russell Thulean; Mary Locher; Cecil Hanson, Jr.; Cecil's mother; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chandler; Bill McCaskill; and a number of others. I would have to check my files for names of those.

Seven witnesses per event would stand up well in any court case. But, fortunately, there were films taken of three of the UFO events: November 6, 1954 (black and white stills), September 18, 1956 (color movie, 8mm), and July 28, 1959 (two simultaneous color movies). I would never have reported these seemingly fantastic things if the evidence and multiplewitness nature were not substantial. No one wants to appear as a fool. Also, I feel that time and science will confirm my position on these matters.

PSYCHIC: If one accepts the reality of UFOs, why do you think they're coming here?

STANFORD: They are awakening us to the fact that there are civilizations out there that have reached a level of advancement and knowledge of the body, mind, and spirit that is far beyond our experience. We are just beginning to awaken to the kind of awareness that some of them have. However, I think there are some that are *not* very evolved in the spiritual sense, beings whose civilization is predominantly technological. And some UFOs have performed viciously hostile acts — well-substantiated cases of physical harm to people. So I'm not one of those who think that saviors are coming from space; but I do believe there are civilizations both potentially constructive and destructive in relationship to man.

PSYCHIC: What effect has your UFO experience had on you personally?

STANFORD: It certainly awakened me to something I had felt since I was a

child — a kinship with the sky, a knowledge that there were beings greater than us out there. On one occasion, January 5, 1957, when there were eight witnesses, a UFO craft landed and an energy beam, a physical — I felt sure — photographable beam that sparkled like Christmas tree tinsel — merged with me and produced a mystical experience in me. The others kept at a distance and saw the beam and the craft but they did not experience it, because it was not projected onto them.

PSYCHIC: Then perhaps you feel that UFOs are related in some way to man's spirituality?

STANFORD: Man's spiritual growth on this planet determines the direction of his material civilization. As man is now seeking more than ever before to move beyond self into a greater spirituality, he is beginning to experience his external oneness with the universe by expanding out into space. The visitation of UFOs to earth is archetypically a counterpart of the higher being coming down and contacting man through the traditional "third eye" and, perhaps, through the pineal and pituitary glands. My readings say that UFOs in a positive context in dreams represent this desire for oneness as spirituality coming down and becoming individualized through a person physically in the pineal and pituitary glands. There has to be at this stage of our growth contact with beings from outside the earth. So we have to be able to relate to the beings in our world and our fellow man. My readings also say that our minds and bodies are vessels of spiritual being. The vessel will not expand unless it is emptied to some extent into others — that it has a magical elastic quality; it only expands to receive more as it is emptied.

I used to believe that the goal of our spiritual evolution is to dissolve one's individuality and "splatter the pancake back into the batter" as the readings describe the tendency. But the readings on the creation say that's not the way. We were that before we became what we are, so why should we become devolutionary? The direction of spiritual and physical evolution is toward specificity, individualization, finitization. The process of spiritual becoming is for God, the absolute — or love — to become *individualized*. In other words, we are becoming more than we were in the beginning.

PSYCHIC: What is your concept of God?

STANFORD: I had always thought of God in the Yogic sense as the Absolute and that one dissolves back into Him. But a few weeks before the reading on creation that brought all this consciously to me, I awakened sensing something over my bed. It wasn't a dream. I knew God is in everything and yet there was an individualization of God hovering over my bed. I didn't think of it as Jesus, Buddha, or Krishna—it was God. It was so much love, so much reality, that I flattened myself on the bed and crawled like a snail and got down on my knees—partly out of fear and partly out of awe. I knew for the first time what some people have said: that the beginning of wisdom is the fear of God. God was there in three-dimensional space, manifesting individually and yet it wasn't until after I heard the creation reading that I realized the significance of the experience.

PSYCHIC: How does this experience apply to your concept of God as an entity or as part of the universe?

STANFORD: I define God as John did—as Love; the unity of being is God. And yet in that experience there was also an individualization of it manifesting itself seemingly in a location, a space, above my bed. Maybe it was a subjective experience, but it was very *real* that God could be something more than absolute; God could be individual. I have come to think of Jesus as the perfection of individuality of Love and the archetype of Love becoming individualized in the earth.

PSYCHIC: Do readings through you consistently reflect conscious opinions of yours, or are things contradictory to your personal views given?

STANFORD: They do sometimes oppose my conscious views. As an example: The five Fatima Prophecy readings diametrically contradicted what was my conscious philosophy or life-view at the time. When I finally took time to study them, the contradiction was overwhelming at first. Yet, their content so inspired me that my philosophy was altered greatly. Now their message has become a significant part of my life purpose.

PSYCHIC: What have your readings said about Jesus?

STANFORD: After five readings on the *Fatima Prophecy* (A.U.M., 1972), I became convinced that Jesus is something very special in the spiritual plan of the world. That he was, as he said, "The first begotten of the dead"—"the first

awakened of them who slept." I take this to mean that God or Love became fully individualized through Jesus for the first time, at least in this age. And because that occurred, it somehow is easier for all people to reach that state or for God to manifest through other people as well. An analogy is the four-minute mile. Once somebody made it, then others were able to beat the record too. It is as if there has to be somebody who creates the pattern so that others can easily follow.



"Let all this, however, not only point the spiritual way inward, but toward the externalization of Love."

PSYCHIC: Do you think that the current interest in psychic and spiritual things is a passing fad or will it continue?

STANFORD: I think it is both. It is a manifestation of our moving into the Aquarian Age, but I don't think we're there yet. But certainly we are feeling the birth pangs of it. And these birth pangs are showering on us a vast array of phenomena, of so-called gurus, and many, many teachings.

I think we must not overlook some ancient teachings, such as the Bhagavad-Gita, which admonishes us not to be attached to the fruits of our actions. In the same way, I think if we could take this attitude in looking at psychic phenomena and various claims that are being made today, then we will be in a much better position spiritually to be true to ourselves. So I'm encouraged that now one can speak openly about these things without being considered some kind of a nut. There is no question that a whole psychic bombshell seems to be being dropped on us and psychic phenomena are beginning to come out of our ears. There are remarkable psychic phenomena appearing now around the world in response to need.

PSYCHIC: Do you think that this is all

to the good?

STANFORD: We are going through a great deal of self-created testing. What we have to realize in viewing this whole field is that ultimately we have to have faith in the interior and spiritual nature. If we constantly run from one psychic to another to get either psychic kicks or so-called guidance, we are creating a spiritual crutch for ourselves. I really believe that we can become spiritual cripples by depending too much upon other people for our guidance. Regardless of how good and how great these people may or may not be, we can find the really important answers only within ourselves.

In a reading received in 1965, we were told "Do not seek to be as Jesus the man, but as Jesus the babe." If you seek to be as Jesus the man, you will look at the miracles that followed him and seek to do them—in effect, get on an ego trip. You'll want to do what Jesus did before you'll want to be what Jesus was—the Christ. And this is a very important distinction. We must seek to allow love to be in us, to realize as Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is within."

PSYCHIC: What is your reaction to the comparison that has been made between you and the late Edgar Cayce in some of your readings?

STANFORD: I think each psychic has to stand on his own. I have given several hundred medical readings and have had remarkable evidence of medical clairvoyance. There are people living today who wouldn't be living if it weren't for things that they were given through the readings. Each psychic should be judged as to what benefit his readings can bring, not whether they sound like Edgar Cayce.

PSYCHIC: Did Cayce have any influence on you?

STANFORD: I was thirteen when I first heard of Edgar Cayce. I was overjoyed because I found that somebody else believed in reincarnation. Although I had had memories of previous lifetimes as a child, I had never met anybody else who believed in reincarnation. So I was very impressed with Cayce. For the first several years of my readings, people told me that my readings definitely had a Caycean wording although they were a little clearer. I had been so impressed by his readings that my unconscious used that pattern. But finally I realized that if my unconscious would quit wor-

shipping Cayce and just speak in my own language, people would understand a lot better. So I meditated and contemplated the problem and from 1970 on, the readings began to get better and clearer without the run-on and inverted sentences that were typical of Cayce.

I found out to my surprise that not only did Cayce have his source much like mine — his unconscious mind and his spiritual being — but he also had the Brothers speaking through him from time to time. So there are several similarities but each of us must be evaluated on the validity of the material and not on any verbal or procedural similarities.

PSYCHIC: What is the Association for the Understanding of Man and its goals?

STANFORD: The A.U.M. was incorporated in 1971 for the purpose of doing research which would aid man to understand himself and the universe in which he lives. In the beginning the work centered on documenting and publishing my readings in our *Journal*. As we have grown in membership we have branched out into other areas of research, for instance the laboratory I mentioned we are working on and the UFO research. We have sponsored appearances by Uri Geller. We are not teaching the work of any particular psychic. In fact, we are also working with a young girl in Texas and we are very pleased with some of the things we've seen her do. So we are trying to understand the total nature of man.

PSYCHIC: Are you trying to contact UFOs telepathically?

STANFORD: We wouldn't be so naive as to try to receive coherent psychic messages from them — even from the unconscious mind. How do you *prove* something like this? We think that is too subjective an approach to scientific UFO research. We have built a light signaling system — which I referred to earlier — that can be seen a hundred or more miles above the earth. So we are going to rely on a physical means of attempting to signal UFOs. If we use any psychic means at all, it will be what I call the "psychic beacon principle." By "psychic beacon," I mean just sending out a thought that whatever or whoever is sending the UFOs to earth might become aware of our interest in direct contact and of the location of our light signals on the ground.

PSYCHIC: What other research have you done so far?

STANFORD: I used my psychic ability

in a dream to find some unleavened bread at an Essene community in 1963; it was verified by the Palestine Archaeological Museum. In a reading we were given the exact location and description of circular stone tablets with hieroglyphics to be found in Mexico. About two years later two amateur archaeologists found them at that exact location.

When I was in Egypt just south of the Zoser enclosure area — the site of the first pyramid designed for Pharaoh Zoser by Imhotep — I told a group that underneath that area there were funerary chambers which contained mummified ducks from the time of Imhotep. About nineteen months later the Egyptians opened up that area and there they were, just where I had described them.

I awakened one morning with a distinct knowing of exactly where Imhotep's tomb is, although archaeologists have searched for it for years. All I have to have is permission from the Egyptian government to drop drills through the sand and the soft stone beneath and let it fall into those chambers, then they will be able to excavate. When I have impressions as clear as that, they have never been wrong.

PSYCHIC: Do you have any predictions for the future?

STANFORD: I anticipate great economic chaos. At least three years ago the readings have predicted this, that the beginning phases of it will be shown most clearly in England, as has already started. It's going to spread to the United States and in fact much of the world. The readings say that if people have to go through financial suffering and struggle they are going to realize there are deeper values than what America calls "the good life."

The readings also say that there is going to be a change of consciousness of the earth. The whole northern hemisphere is going to go through a particularly great catharsis, while the southern hemisphere will show a development of greater centers of civilization.

PSYCHIC: Do you still give private readings or have you limited yourself completely to the A.U.M. research readings?

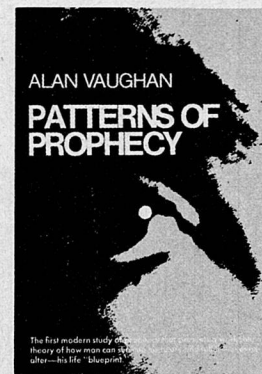
STANFORD: No, I no longer give individual readings. Although we have many letters that indicate individual readings were helpful, the general research readings are more meaningful because many people can apply them. I prefer that people apply what things

from the research readings can be helpful according to their own inner guidance rather than relying on me or any other psychic as a crutch. The work that I do is to act as a catalyst to an increasing sense of interior being and response to need.

However, if for once I thought that after I die my readings would be preserved and looked upon as a gospel, I would be terrified. I would almost say in my will that the records be destroyed, because I feel that spirituality gives on-going revelation and that we must never freeze reality into something that was — or has been — any one person or thing. Let it be what it is worth now for the time and let it move forward.

As of now, my message is this: Life is meaningful, and we are not alone in the universe. There are beings, not only of a spiritual nature but those in physical bodies from outside the earth, coming here. Let all this, however, not only point the spiritual way inward, but toward the *externalization* of Love. Above all the claims and metaphysical complications, let us seek Love. Let Love *become* us.

If all the phenomena that I have been shown, and that the world is more than ever beginning to see, have any meaning at all, it is that my materialism and our materialism may be shaken at its foundations.



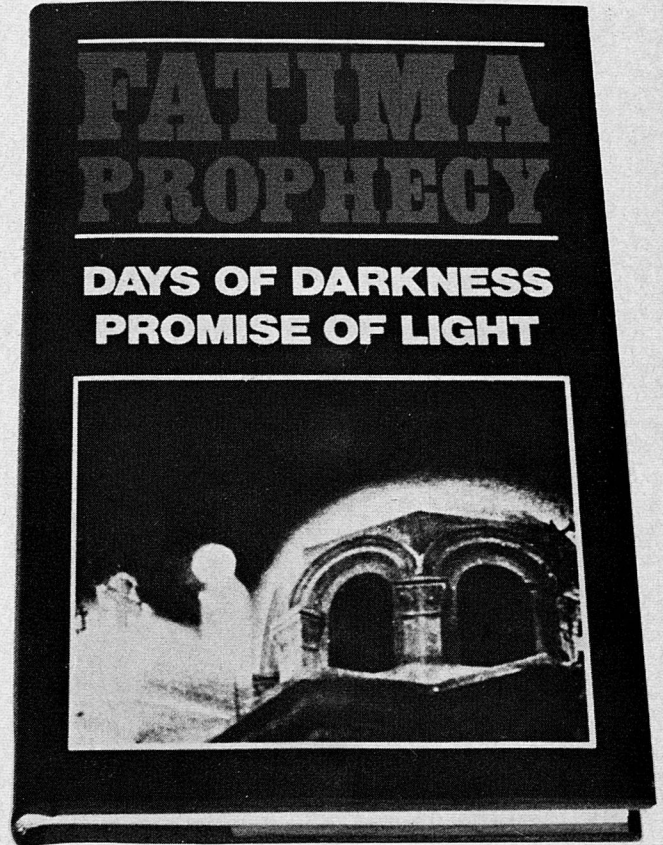


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